of India Ltd. (PGCIL) have awarded the contract for LILO of 400 KV D/C Neyveli-Trichi Transmission line to M/s Larsen & Toubro Ltd. (L&T Ltd.) on 12.12.2000.

(b) The distance between Trichi and Neyveli is 164 kms. However, the project awarded by PGCIL to M/s L&T Ltd. is only for LILO of one circuit of Trichi-Neyveli 400 KV D/C line and the route length of the LILO portion is 14.6 kms. The contract has been awarded at a cost of Rs. 12.31 crores. The project involves 37 transmission towers out of which construction of 33 towers has been completed.

(c) and (d) The transmission project is associated with the Neyveli Power Project (Stage-I expansion) and is expected to be completed by July, 2001 i.e. before the commissioning of the generation project in September, 2001, as against the contractual completion date of June, 2001.

Tours undertaken by Directors of PGCIL

398. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of instructions of Government to minimize expenditure on travelling and other heads the Directors of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL) are undertaking unnecessary tours to various countries;

(b) if so, the details of tours undertaken by various Directors of the PGCIL during the last two years with purpose of the tour, expenditure incurred on TA/DA and boarding and lodging;

(c) whether some Directors have taken their family members on tour abroad and in India during last two years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Power Grid Corporation India Ltd. (PGCIL) has informed that the Directors of

the Corporation have undertaken foreign tours whenever necessary and in accordance with the instructions issued by the Government from time to time. The details of foreign tours undertaken by the Directors of the PGCIL during last two years are indicated in Statement-I (*See* below).

(c) and (d) PGCIL has also informed that the Corporation has not incurred any expenditure in respect of family members of any Director on his tour abroad. However, in India, on certain social occasions, e.g. Corporation's Inter-regional Cultural Meets, Handicrafts/Crafts Exhibitions, spouses of Directors have accompanied them on the requests of the organizers. The details of such tours within India, where spouses accompanied Directors of PGCIL and the expenditure was incurred by PGCIL are enclosed as Statement-II.

Statement-I

Foreign visits of Direcctors of Powergrid (upto 30.6.2001)

Sh. R.P. Singh, Chairman & Managing Director

Sl. No.	Period	Country	Purpose	Expenditure
1	8.5.1999-14.5.1999	U.K., USA & Argentina	Study the working of Grid Codes alongwith MoP, CERC officials.	Rs. 4,37,726/-
2	2.12.1999-3.12.1999	Kathmandu, Nepal	Conference by USEA on South Asia Regional Energy Forum.	Rs. 40,244/-
3	10.1.2000-12.1.2000	USA	Discussion with World Bank.	Rs. 3,41,335/-
4	20.6.2000-30.6.2000	U.K. & France	As part of delegation led by MoP for bilateral discussion and to visit facilities/sites for studying latest technology in Transmission sector.	Rs. 2,40,620/-
5	19.8.2000-23.8.2000	Manila, Philippines and Singapore	Loan negotiations at ADB Manila and Discussion with the lenders of co-financing loan at Singapore.	Rs. 1,00,981/-
6	23.5.2001-28.5.2001	Spain & Germany	To attend Conference organized by FICCI in collaboration with Department of Indl. Policy Promotion, Ministry of Commerce.	Foreign exchange @ US $ 475 for six days. Delegation fees—Rs. 35,000/-. However, claim is yet to be submitted.*
7	29.5.2001-30.5.2001 to 1.6.2001	Brussels, Belgium	To attend the Millennium meeting on the power sector and hold discussions with the European Commission.	Foreign Exchange @ US $ 475 for four days. Official entertainment—Rs. 94,000/-. However, claim is yet to be submitted.*

*To and fro expenditure is Rs. 1,80,000/- only from 23.5.2001 to 1.6.2001 (Sl. No. 6 & 7).

Sh. Bhanu Bhushan, Director (Oprn.)

Period	Country	Purpose	Expenditure
17.5.1999-19.5.1999	Washington, USA	Confernece on "America's Transmission System—a crisis in the making".	Rs. 2,13,814/-
15.9.1999-18.9.1999	Malaysia	CIGRE Study Committee and workshop.	Rs. 88,106/-
27.8.2000-1.9.2000	Paris, France	CIGRE conference—2000.	Rs. 2,10,420/-
9.10.2000-13.10.2000	China	Assessment of capability and capacity of M/s Liaoning MEC Group Co. Ltd., China.	Rs. 1,21,964/-

Sh. R.K. Madan, Director (Proj.)

Period	Country	Purpose	Expenditure
19.4.1999-20.4.1999	Singapore	To attend "Electricity Deregulation '9' conference.	Rs. 62,412/-
22.1.2000-3.2.2000	USA	MoP delegation for IPPA conference on investment opportunities.	Rs. 4,63,081/-
30.10.2000-3.11.2000	Australia	Study of Deregulated market in Australia.	Rs. 1,12,397/-
31.3.2001-4.4.2001	Saudi Arabia & Sultanate of Oman	For exploring business opportunities in Saudi Arabia & Oman.	Rs. 78,054/-

Dr. V.K. Garg, Director (Fin.)

Period	Country	Purpose	Expenditure
15.9.2000-16.9.2000	Singapore	Signing of loan agreement.	Rs. 60,912/-
20.6.2000-22.6.2000	London	Attending the global borrowers and investors forum.	Rs. 2,61,281/-
19.8.2000-23.8.2000	Manila, Philippines and Singapore	Loan negotiations at ADB, Manila and discussion with the lenders of co-financing loan at Singapore.	Rs. 1,06,319/-

Statement-II

Details of tours where spouses accompanied Directors of PGCIL and expenditure incurred by PGCIL

A. Travel undertaken for attending/participating in Inter-regional Cultural and Handicraft meet at Agra on 23.10.1999

Name of Spouse	Name of Director	Expenditure incurred
1. Mrs. Deepa Singh	Mr. R.P. Singh	Rs. 760/-
2. Mrs. A. Bhushan	Mr. Bhanu Bhushan	Rs. 871/-

B. Travel undertaken for attending/partcipating in Inter-regional Cultural and Handicraft meet at Chandigarh on 20.10.2000.

Name of Spouse	Name of Director	Expenditure incurred
1. Mrs. Deepa Singh	Mr. R.P. Singh	Rs. 870/-
2. Mrs. S. Madan	Mr. R.K. Madan	Rs. 430/-
3. Mrs. A. Bhushan	Mr. Bhanu Bhushan	Rs. 1730/-